

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 03 December 2001.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 03 December 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 12/03/01
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Andrew T. Spence on 10/7/2004.

IN THE CLAIMS

3. In claim 15, reference numeral "12" in line 1 has been changed to "14".

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The references of Borrelli et al. (US Patent No. 3,756,690), Copeland, III (US Patent No. 3,711,840), and Dutt et al. (US Patent No. 5,867,290) do not teach or fairly suggest a method of transmitting a light signal utilizing a magnetic bubble waveguide comprising a plurality of magnetic bubble domains, comprising: configuring the magnetic bubble waveguide in accordance with a time-varying pseudo-random code sequence such that the plurality of magnetic bubble domains are in a time varying position representative of the pseudo-random code sequence, and transmitting one polarized spread-spectrum modulated light signal through the magnetic bubble waveguide such that a position of one magnetic bubble domain at least partially rotates

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at least one spread-spectrum modulated light signal by a predetermined angle from the polarized direction based upon the time-varying position of the magnetic bubble domains, in combination with other limitations recited in claims 1, 6, and 12.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Borrelli et al. (US Patent No. 3,756,690) is cited to show an optical modulator which polarizes a light signal in a polarized direction (col. 4, lines 64-66) and an external magnetic field to modulate the amplitude of the light signal by changing the amount of rotation (col. 3, lines 54-60).

Dutt et al. (US Patent No. 5,867,290) is cited to show an optical modulator which modulates a spread-spectrum modulated light signal based upon data or information from a data source (col. 4, lines 46-53) and is then passed through a spatial spectrum coding mask (col. 3, lines 30-34).

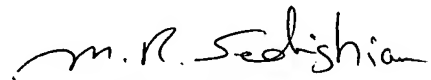
Copeland, III (US Patent No. 3,711,840) is cited to show a magnetic bubble memory device where data can be written and domains at the "write" positions are laterally displaced to sides of a channel depending upon the polarities of the pulses (col. 3, lines 13-33)

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-2220. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Chan can be reached on (571) 272-3022. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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